

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 6:30 PM

**JENKS/JMW COMPLEX FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS
MEDIA CENTER**

350 DIVISION STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860

MINUTES

I The meeting will come to order

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

a. Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Charbonneau-here; Ms. Dube-here; Ms. Grant-here; Mr. Knight-here; Ms. McQuade-here; Mr. Araujo-here

Also in attendance was Mrs. Patricia DiCenso, Superintendent of Schools.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo announced the meeting dates listed below.

II Regular Meeting Dates

The following notice is given in accordance with section 42-46-5 of the RI General Laws, as needed:

In accordance with the bylaws of the School Committee, regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee will be held on the following dates during the calendar year 2016:

January 5 (Organizational Meeting)

Regular Meetings are scheduled as follows:

January 12

February 9

March 15

April 12

May 10

June 14

September 13

October 11

November 15

December 13

All regular meetings are held at the Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts Media Center, 350 Division Street, Pawtucket, RI at 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.

Work Sessions are scheduled as follows and held at the School Administration Building, 286 Main Street, Pawtucket RI at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted:

January 26

February 23

July 12

August 9

III Election of Officers

1. Election of Clerk

Ms. Dube moved to nominate Dianna Liss as the School Committee Clerk. Ms. McQuade and Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Ms. Dube: I think that we have thrown a lot at her over this past year, me being one of those people with the new website to upload things to chromebooks for us to have and there has been a lot she has adapted to very well. I'm very proud to have her be our clerk.

Mr. Knight moved to close the nominations for Election of Clerk. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call to close

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries unanimously.

Roll call on election of clerk

**Ms. Bonollo-Dianna Liss; Mr. Charbonneau-Dianna Liss; Ms.
Dube-Dianna Liss; Ms. Grant-Dianna Liss; Mr. Knight-Dianna Liss;
Ms. McQuade-Dianna Liss; Mr. Araujo-Dianna Liss**

Motion carries unanimously.

2. Election of Chairperson

**Ms. Grant moved to nominate Mr. Gerard Charbonneau as the
Chairman. Ms. Bonollo seconded.**

**Ms. Grant: Mr. Charbonneau has shown excellent leadership skills
and has led us as a team and as Deputy Chair, he supported the
Chair and stepped in when needed. His integrity and ability have
been proven to lead this Committee. I feel he has a good relationship
with all the Members and he has good ability to lead this Committee.
I ask that you support Mr. Charbonneau as Chair.**

Mr. Knight moved to close the nominations for election of Chairperson. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Roll call to close nominations

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Roll call on election of Chairperson

Ms. Bonollo-Gerard Charbonneau; Mr. Charbonneau-Gerard Charbonneau; Ms. Dube-Gerard Charbonneau; Ms. Grant-Gerard Charbonneau; Mr. Knight-Mr. Charbonneau; Ms. McQuade-Gerard Charbonneau; Mr. Araujo-Mr. Charbonneau

Motion carries unanimously

Mr. Charbonneau: I appreciate this and thank you. One of the many things I learned is it's not about me or anyone else. The time it does, I will need to step away. Mike, you've done a great job bringing this Committee together.

3. Election of Deputy Chairperson

Mr. Knight moved to nominate Katherine McQuade as Deputy Chairperson. Ms. Dube seconded.

Mr. Knight: This past year I've watched a difficult time unfold for us and I'm very happy to bring the name of Katherine McQuade in as Deputy Chair. Her quiet common sense attitude will really blend well with you Mr. Charbonneau and I'm very happy to nominate her for the position of Deputy Chair.

Mr. Knight moved to close nominations for election of Deputy Chairperson. Mr. Araujo and Ms. Dube seconded.

Roll call to close nominations

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Roll call on election of Deputy Chairperson

Mr. Araujo-Katherine McQuade; Ms. Bonollo-Katherine McQuade; Ms. Dube-Katherine McQuade; Ms. Grant-Katherine McQuade; Mr. Knight-Katherine McQuade; Ms. McQuade-Katherine McQuade; Mr. Charbonneau-Katherine McQuade

Motion carries unanimously.

IV Public Participation

Comments from the public are invited at this time. Citizens wishing to speak should sign in with the Committee Chair before speaking. The Committee is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by Public Comment, which are not already on the agenda. Public comment will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

None.

VI Adjournment

Mr. Knight moved to adjourn. Ms. Grant, Ms. Bonollo and Ms. Dube seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau, adjourned the organizational meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Approved by School Committee 1/26/16